

To whom it may concern,

I would like to submit my comments as given below to be added to the City's Hubs Implementation Plan Results report.

Dear Councilor Rahman,

I am writing you as Councilor for Ward 7 regarding the recommended Homeless Hub location in Ward 7 at [705 Fanshawe Park Road West](#).

I live with my family and young children in the White Hills neighborhood and our children attend the School in the area. We also very frequently visit the MasterMinds toy store and the new Ice Cream store that would become the neighbouring properties of the Homeless Hub should its location be rezoned and opened.

We've thought about this a while and we would like to express our concern regarding the City's proposed rezoning and creation of the Hub at this location.

Although we strongly support the City of London's plan and the creation of the Homeless Hub this proposed location doesn't make sense and causes concern. Mental Health and Addiction requires treatment but at the same time individuals struggling with their illness present with very anti-social behaviours. Needle use and unsafe disposal, erratic behaviour and violence unfortunately follows so we are not sure why the City is proposing creating 20 beds in a commercial area, next door to a toy store and an ice cream shop.

We appreciate the City Council needs to consider and address this large problem but I believe the location would have a very negative impact and it's our responsibility to consider our family. I don't know what the future looks like but my experience in Victoria Park and downtown London it creates spaces where I wouldn't feel comfortable taking myself or my children. I also cannot imagine that the impact and the businesses surrounding the location will be positively impacted.

I don't believe in the NIMBY approach so I will not advocate that our community not be considered for such Hubs and services although we don't experience a large homeless population in our area and have concerns it will increase with the creation of hubs.

However the location that is being proposed seems to be ill considered and it is my belief the introduction of it in that area will negatively impact the surrounding businesses and our change the character of that area.

I am sure there must be a million considerations for a location but we strongly ask that as the Councilor for Ward 7 that you not support the proposed location or the rezoning and instead look for a more suitable location. For example there is a large medical zone at 990 Gainsborough that is supported by medical practices and churches that is still within Ward 7 but not close

In its simplest I don't believe we should support a 20 bed Mental Health and Addiction Centre next to a Toy Store and an Ice Cream Store.

Thank you for your consideration.